

## **NEWS UPDATE**

**U.S. Army**

**4th Infantry Division, Special Troops Battalion**

Commander's Corner

By Lightning 6

Greetings from Iraq. We moved the Battalion from Camp Buehring, Kuwait, to Camp Liberty, Iraq over the last week. The move went smoothly and our soldiers are already on mission with our 3rd Infantry Division counterparts.

As our soldiers arrived at the airfield in Iraq, they were met by representatives from the Battalion and taken to their billets. Living conditions on Camp Liberty are good. Our soldiers have clean rooms and latrines, very good dining facilities, and quick access to morale, welfare, and recreation sites, gyms, the PX, and laundry drop off points.

The weather here in Iraq is a little colder than Kuwait, but not too bad. We have not had any rain, to date.

The troopers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company have started learning the ropes from their 3ID counterparts on the different Battalion and base support missions they will be picking up.

The soldiers from the Division Troops Company are already established in the Division Headquarters and working along side the soldiers from the 3ID.

The communicators in A Company have already established several of their communications systems in support of our Division's network.

The musicians from our Band have been performing since they arrived in various small combos around the base camp. Additionally, they provided a show on Christmas Eve in the MWR center.

Our military intelligence personnel in D Company are also established in the Division Headquarters and already contributing to the mission.

Last, our Public Affairs soldiers from our Mobile Public Affairs Detachment are busy covering the many activities of our Division as we begin our mission in Iraq.

For Christmas, our soldiers had a multitude of religious services to choose from to commemorate the day. Additionally, the Christmas day meal at the dining facilities was terrific. There were plenty of items to choose from, and all were delicious.

Mail from home has started arriving, so keep the packages and cards coming.

That's all for this note. Trust all of you are having a safe holiday season. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we are keeping you in ours.

Sincerely, John W. Baker

